

RACIAL PROFILING DATA/2000

Agency: St. Louis City Police Dept.

Population: 258,532

age 18 and over

KEY INDICATORS	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Stops	11343	5338	5621	131	148	5	100
Searches	746	134	606	5	1	0	0
Arrests	669	125	537	5	1	1	0
Statewide population %	N/A	86.38	10.41	1.82	1.43	1.03	0.99
Local population %	N/A	49.16	46.77	1.92	2.54	0.82	1.33
Disparity index	N/A	0.96	1.06	0.60	0.51	0.05	0.66
Search rate	6.58	2.51	10.78	3.82	0.68	0.00	0.00

Notes:

Population figures are for those who are 18 years of age and older. Figures are from the 2000 Census (driving-age figures are not yet available).

Black, Asian, and American Indian includes persons of mixed race. Other race includes unknown race.

The disparity index = proportion of stops / proportion of population. A value of 1 represents no disparity; values greater than 1 indicate over-representation.

Search rate = (searches / stops) X 100.

#Error indicates zero denominator.

TRAFFIC STOP STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Violation leading to stop	Moving	8948	4734	3870	117	137	2	88
	Equipment	719	269	434	9	4	0	3
	License	1835	374	1430	9	9	3	10
Stop outcome	Citation	9755	4725	4696	110	133	3	88
	Warning	1441	581	811	20	15	2	12
Location of stop	Interstate hwy	1765	1311	378	38	19	0	19
	US hwy	132	96	23	3	6	0	4
	State hwy	914	701	177	11	15	0	10
	County road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	City street	8307	3103	4954	77	104	5	64
	Other	225	127	89	2	4	0	3
Driver gender	Male	8276	3859	4114	108	100	5	90
	Female	3067	1479	1507	23	48	0	10
Driver age	17 and under	385	170	203	3	4	0	5
	18-29	5393	2219	2973	79	79	4	39
	30-39	2731	1415	1233	23	30	0	30
	40 and over	2834	1534	1212	26	35	1	26

SEARCH STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Probable cause/ authority to search	Consent	227	47	176	3	1	0	0
	Inventory	66	10	56	0	0	0	0
	Drug/alcohol odor	107	30	75	2	0	0	0
	Incident to arrest	302	45	255	2	0	0	0
	Plain view contraband	34	8	26	0	0	0	0
	Reasonable suspicion-weapon	68	9	58	1	0	0	0
	Drug-dog alert	5	1	4	0	0	0	0
	Other	64	16	48	0	0	0	0
What searched	Driver	694	123	565	5	1	0	0
	Car/property	469	88	377	4	0	0	0
Search duration	0-15 minutes	679	124	552	2	1	0	0
	16-30 minutes	59	8	48	3	0	0	0
	31+ minutes	8	2	6	0	0	0	0
Contra-band found	Drugs/alcohol	100	15	83	2	0	0	0
	Currency	5	0	4	1	0	0	0
	Weapon	16	0	16	0	0	0	0
	Stolen property	15	4	11	0	0	0	0
	Other	16	5	10	1	0	0	0
Arrest charge	Outstanding warrant	323	40	281	1	0	0	0
	Drug violation	91	10	79	2	0	0	0
	Resist arrest	9	0	9	0	0	0	0
	Offense against person	6	0	6	0	0	0	0
	DWI/BAC	60	37	23	0	0	0	0
	Property offense	41	6	34	0	1	0	0
	Other	143	29	112	2	0	0	0

Agency response

While the number of persons stopped by police was fairly proportional by race, a greater percentage of black persons were searched by police (537, or 9.55% of those stopped) as compared to white persons (125, or 2.34% of those stopped.) A closer examination of the data concerning “probable cause/authority to search” reflects that the percentage of blacks searched for various reasons was higher than the rate for whites (e.g. the number of blacks consenting to a search (176) was greater than the number of whites consenting (47); also, the number of blacks searched incidental to arrest (255) was greater than the number of whites (45). This correlates to the number of those arrested for outstanding warrants (n: blacks: 281; whites 40). The first audit of the racial profiling data covered only a four month period. We will continue to closely monitor and analyze the data as it is collected.